AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the third and fourth paragraphs on page 4 of the specification with the following paragraphs:

Fig. 2 is an electronic lighting circuit diagram; ~~and~~

Fig. 3 is an overall sectional view showing the configuration of a fluorescent lamp in which a known fluorescent lamp lighting device is used~~.~~; and

Fig. 4 is an overall sectional view showing an alternative configuration of a fluorescent lamp in which a fluorescent lamp lighting device according to a preferred embodiment of the present invention is used.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6 of the specification with the following paragraph:

The NTC thermistors 16 and 17 are surface-mounted on the same surface, which faces the fluorescent light bulb 2 of the circuit substrate 20, as that of the electronic lighting circuit 3 housed in the resin case 5. Furthermore, on the surface of the circuit substrate 20 that faces the base 6, electronic components for insertion mounting (for example, the inductance element 15, the capacitor 18, and the PTC thermistor 19) are mounted. Here, it is important that the NTC thermistors 16 and 17 have a mounting surface and are mounted in such a manner that this mounting surface is placed in abutment with the circuit substrate 20. Hereinafter, these thermistors 16 and 17 will also be described as the surface-mount type NTC thermistor, and when described as a surface-mount type, this is assumed to be used to implicate the foregoing. Although in this preferred embodiment, an NTC thermistor is mounted on the fluorescent light bulb side of the circuit substrate and the PTC thermistor is mounted on the base side, the configuration is not limited to the above configuration, and even when, contrary to the above-described configuration, the PTC thermistor is mounted on the fluorescent light bulb side of the circuit substrate and the NTC thermistor is mounted on the base side as shown in Fig. 4, similar advantages are obtained.